

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 19 July 2007

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Health Policy Forum

ATTENDANCE:

Committee II: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Catherine E. Graziano RN, Ph.D., Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

Not Present: Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt

Excused Absence: Maria Gil, Robert Hamel, Denise Panichas

Other Members: Present: Thomas Madden

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Samantha Maras (Intern), Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. Minutes of the 1 February, 1 March, 12 April, 17 May and 21 June 2007 Project Review Committee-II meetings were approved as submitted. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded, and passed by six in favor and none opposed (6-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting were: Almeida, Coia, Graziano, Quigley, Ross, Shire

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of Health Resources of Middletown, Inc. [Genesis Healthcare Corporation] for a Certificate of Need to undertake building renovations and upgrades to the nursing home, Grand Islander Center, located at 333 Green End Avenue in Middletown and upgrade its mechanical systems.

Staff stated that the applicant has been before the Committee previously and provided responses to the follow up questions. Staff

noted that FC-Gen Investment, LLC acquired Genesis Healthcare Corporation after approval by the Health Department in June of 2007.

Susan Leach DeBlasio, legal counsel to the applicant, introduced Richard Blinn, Executive Vice-President and Regional President of Genesis, Henry St. HiLaire, Vice-President of Construction and Property Management for Genesis, and Regina Jones, Director of Nursing at Grand Islander.

Mr. Blinn discussed responses to the follow-up questions. The applicant stated that the renovations are in-line with the company's culture change initiative. Consistent assignments are in place, the applicant is modernizing the dining rooms and will extend meal times by utilizing steam tables. The applicant noted that locked medicine cabinets in each room, universal workers, or residential laundry facilities are not included in the project at this time.

A Committee member asked the applicant if they have a timeline for implementing the universal worker concept. The applicant explained that there are regulations in place right now that prohibit them from being able to do that so, therefore, there is no timeline in place.

Staff asked the applicant if the acquisition by FC-Gen Investments, LLC has taken place. The applicant stated that it closed on 13 July 2007 and that they are still committed to the 100% equity financing for

the CON proposal.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) to recommend that the application be approved. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Almeida, Coia, Graziano, Quigley, Ross, Shire

Staff noted that the next full Health Services Council meeting will be held on 31 July 2007.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Specialty Personnel Services, Inc. for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provide Agency at 790 Charles Street in Providence.

Staff stated that the applicant has been before the Committee previously and provided responses to the follow up questions. Staff noted that at the May meeting the Committee requested that someone with a financial background be present to address financial concerns.

The Chairman asked the applicant to address the comments and questions that they have been given to them.

Shannon Payne, Controller, and Francine Pare-larossi, Administrator and Director of Nurses, introduced themselves.

Staff and Committee members had questions to the applicant regarding the projections and large increases in net revenue and profit. The applicant stated that they would look into those numbers further and get back to the Committee. A Committee member requested that the applicant provide some revised utilization numbers. The applicant stated that they would breakdown their expenses numbers further.

Staff questioned the applicant's projected profit considering that 98.5% of their client would be Medicaid. A Committee member requested that the applicant provide their year-to-date financials.

The Chairman stated that there would be a condition of licensure that the applicant provide charity care. The Committee reviewed the proposed charity care policy. The applicant stated that non-skilled services would be provided as charity care as well. Staff noted that the charity care mentioned but did not identify objective criteria and financing screening procedures. The applicant stated that they will revise their policy and the criteria would be that the person does not have a payor source.

The Chairman asked if the applicant had a reference from Medicaid and staff noted that they did. The Chairman noted that a committee member representing Medicaid would be asked to be at the next meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the application of Copihue Corp. d/b/a Right at Home of Greater Rhode Providence for initial licensure as a Home Care Provider Agency at 1345 Jefferson Blvd in Warwick.

Staff stated that the applicant has been before the Committee previously and provided responses to the follow up questions from the Committee. The comment period regarding this application expires today and no comments were received.

Joseph Paduch, President, introduced Rossana Flashner, Administrator, and Donna Moretti, Director of Nurses. He reviewed the questions that were sent to him by the Committee. He stated that he provided the Committee with a letter of recommendation from Greenwich Farms. He stated that they are in the process of looking into accreditation and would seek accreditation within two years of licensure approval. He stated that attachment B contained a job description for a CNA.

A Committee member requested that the applicant provide information regarding the educational requirements for CNAs. The applicant agreed to do so. The applicant noted that they are proposing a different Director of Nursing, Donna Moretti, RN. The applicant clarified that they will have an Administrator and Director of Nursing.

The Chairman noted that the Committee did not have a quorum to take a vote on this application. The Committee agreed to meet on 31 July 2007 at 2:00 PM to take a vote on this application conditioned upon receipt of the requested information. This would allow the application to be heard at the 31 July 2007 Health Services Council meeting.

There was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina D. Adamova